

# Wilson Slowly Sinking May Last Through Night Making Remarkable Fight

## Ex-President Taking No Nourishment And Life Is Ebbing — Physicians See No Hope Although His Wife Does

### Pulse and Respiration Practically Normal After Night of Battle Against Grim Visitor Nearby.

Washington, Feb. 2.—At 1 p. m. today there was no evidence of any material change in the condition of former President Wilson.

A physician's bulletin on the condition of Woodrow Wilson issued at 11:40 a. m. said:

"Mr. Wilson is growing weaker. He has been able to take very little nourishment. He has had some sleep and has no pain. He recognizes those about him but is too exhausted to talk. Our efforts in the main are directed towards keeping him comfortable."

(Signed)

"CARY T. GRAYSON,  
"STERLING RUFFIN,  
"H. A. FOWLER."

"It looks as though Mr. Wilson would pull through the day," Dr. Grayson added to the formal text of the medical bulletin. "But that's subject to the hazard of a sudden change."

The medical specialists, who are assisting Dr. Grayson, Dr. Fowler and Dr. Ruffin, left the house after a morning consultation, but will return at 6 p. m. and after a further conference then will issue a further announcement.

Dr. Grayson, as usual, remained immediately at hand when the other physicians left.

Although he has taken no nourishment in almost 24 hours, and is disinclined to take sips of water, Mr. Wilson's pulse, respiration and temperature early today were practically normal.

But he was steadily growing weaker and weaker. Dr. Grayson, his physician, said his life was simply ebbing away.

At no time has the former president been unconscious, at no time have such heroic measures as applications of oxygen been resorted to, and at no times have opiates been given, as he has been in no pain. Some stimulants have been given in small doses.

At no time has Mr. Wilson been delirious, and he seems at all times to be conscious of what is going on in his chamber, although he is too weak to carry on a conversation. He does whisper a "yes" and a "no" in reply to questions as to what may be done to make him more comfortable.

All Mr. Wilson's physicians feared the flickering flame of life would go out in the early morning hours when vitality is lowest. But while they anxiously watched over him, his heart action continued strong and his breathing regular, while he slept restfully.

Having come through the night, the physicians now feel there is no predicting how far his tenacity may sustain him. It is not beyond the range of probability that Woodrow Wilson might linger along three or four days. It is of course possible that something may snap at any moment and he will slip quickly away.

**Takes No Food.**

Mr. Wilson's failure to take nourishment this morning was a disconcerting sign to his physicians. When offered light foods he shook his head firmly and whispered "no." When offered sips of water he made the same reply. The physicians agreed that sustenance might have to be given in some other way.

In the shaded chamber where the former president lies, Mrs. Wilson is his almost constant attendant, and it has been with difficulty that Dr. Grayson has persuaded her to take any rest. She took some sleep during the night while Dr. Grayson hovered over her at the bedside. Then she took up the vigil this morning while Dr. Grayson went to his home for a brief rest. Either the physician or his wife is constantly watching and waiting.

Enormous quantities of mail and telegrams pouring into the Wilson home will be acknowledged beginning today. Close friends have volunteered to take up secretarial duties; others have offered the loan of servants, motor cars or anything else needed for the emergency.

Admiral Grayson returned to the Wilson residence shortly after 10 o'clock, and announced a few minutes later that "Mr. Wilson still is conscious."

Joseph Tumulty, secretary to Mr. Wilson when he was president, was the first caller today to be admitted within the house. When he reappeared he said that Mrs. Wilson "still is hopeful."

"She believes there is still a chance," he added, "but of course she would not admit there was not a chance."

Out of the crowd that had gathered in the street a small boy carried to the home a single rose as his offering to the sick man. It was handed to the maid who opened the door.

Dr. Grayson said the most distressing circumstance attending the physicians' task was their inability to do more than palliate the patient's pain.

"He is in no pain whatever," the doctor said, "and it's hard to stand by and not be able to do more for him."

(Continued on Page 12)

# CRUISER RICHMOND ORDERED TO VERA CRUZ

U. S. Ship Will Relieve Omaha and Destroyers Which Are to Report At Maneuvers

Washington, Feb. 2.—The cruiser Richmond at Galveston has been ordered back to Vera Cruz to relieve the cruiser Omaha and six destroyers temporarily detailed there on instructions from Washington. The Richmond is expected to arrive at Vera Cruz tomorrow night.

Officials explained that the Omaha and the destroyers had been held at Vera Cruz because of impending hostilities between Mexican federal and rebel forces in that region after federal victories at Esperanza. The ships are part of the fleet now maneuvering in southern waters, however, and are needed for that purpose.

The Richmond will remain at Vera Cruz as long as the situation there makes it necessary that an American war craft should be in the vicinity to take care of American interests.

# MRS. CLANTON TELLS OF LOVE TRIANGLE

Former New Britain Woman Involved in Strange Affair

## SAYS THREE WAS A CROWD

Ex-Wife of Water H. Weeks of This City Told by Second Husband He Loved Her and "The Other Woman," as Well.

The story of a strange love triangle, in which a former New Britain woman, Mrs. Grover Cleveland Clanton, shared the love of her husband, and seven children with another woman was told before Magistrate O'Driscoll in the Second District court in Jersey City yesterday.

Mrs. Clanton was formerly Miss Elmina Astor of Hartford and was married in 1911 to Walter H. Weeks of this city. The couple lived with Weeks' mother at 286 Chapman street until about four years ago, when disagreements arose and she left and went to New York. She was divorced from Weeks last August and married Clanton, for whom she had been working in the capacity of housekeeper. Weeks is living in Hartford and has remarried.

The other woman in the case is Mrs. Clara Terpening, a former New Jersey school teacher, and sister of a minister at Newburg, N. Y. Clanton told the former Mrs. Weeks when he proposed to her that he was "all

(Continued on Page Eighteen)

# STRAWN MAY SERVE AS OIL CASE COUNSEL

Officials in Washington Do Not Think He Acted As Regular Lawyer For Texas Company

Washington, Feb. 2.—White House officials were not inclined today to regard the employment by the Texas Oil company of the Chicago law firm of Winston, Strawn and Shaw, of which Silas H. Strawn is a member, as making Mr. Strawn unqualified to serve as special government counsel in the oil land lease cases.

Officials at the White House said the Strawn firm merely had served the Texas company in the matter of local collections and not in the accepted sense of counsel.

A statement made by Frank M. Shaw, Connecticut State Atty. Gen., Hartford, Conn., said, will be left to the determination of the senate to which the nomination of Mr. Strawn and of whichever democrat is selected in the place of Thomas W. Gregory, former attorney general, will be submitted.

# Fall Refuses To Answer Any Questions Whatever Before Senate Oil Group

## Reads Prepared Statement Claiming Investigation Was Not Ordered By Present Congress — New Resolution Will Be Asked For Monday.

## 100 RESENTS USING HIS NAME IN INQUIRY

### Investigators, in Dilemma, Close Doors and Go Into Executive Session at Once.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Hailed before the senate oil committee today against the protest of his attorneys and physicians, former Interior Secretary Fall flatly refused to answer questions about his naval oil leases and his relations with Harry F. Sinclair and E. L. Doheny.

Mr. Fall gave two major reasons why he declined to reply, the first was that the authority given to the investigating committee by the last congress had expired, and the second that in the light of the action of congress in directing institution of court action, civil and criminal, in the oil lease cases, any answers he would make might tend to incriminate him.

**Executive Session.**

Clearing the hearing room of the crowd which jammed every available space, the committee went into executive session to determine its course in the light of the attitude of the former cabinet officer and senator. As the committee deliberated Mr. Fall waited with his lawyers and physicians in an ante-room.

The former secretary read a carefully prepared statement in an even and firm voice.

It was with some difficulty that a way was cleared through the crowd for Mr. Fall to reach the witness chair. His counsel, Levi Cooke, in a preliminary statement said the former secretary was present in response to a subpoena issued yesterday but that he still was under the care of physicians and requested the committee to bear that fact in mind.

Chairman Leffort then administered the oath. Mr. Fall standing with right hand upraised.

Just one question was put.

"Do you care to make any further statement about the matters under consideration by this committee?" asked Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana.

Mr. Fall then read his statement.

After the committee had gone into executive session, he was brought out of the ante-room where he had been awaiting the decision. He was resting heavily upon the arms of two men, who virtually carried him down the corridor to the room of Senator Elkins of West Virginia, where a lounge was found for him. He seemed dazed and very weak.

**To Ask Another Resolution.**

His authority to continue the investigation having been challenged by Mr. Fall, the committee decided to ask the senate on Monday to remove all doubt by reappointing the original resolution authorizing the inquiry. The committee then adjourned until next Tuesday.

Mr. Fall will be recalled before the committee next Tuesday and should he then decline to answer questions senators said the issue of the authority of the committee to compel an answer under pain of contempt proceedings in the courts would be squarely raised.

The committee adopted unanimously the following motion made by Senator Walsh:

"On February 5, 1923, the senate adopted senate resolution 424 which authorized this committee to proceed as it has proceeded under senate resolution 282 and senate resolution 294, which by the expressed terms of senate resolution 424 were continued in full force and effect until the end of the 68th congress; authorized the committee to sit during the sessions or recesses of the senate and after the expiration of the present (67th) congress until the assembling of the 68th congress; and until otherwise ordered by the senate."

"While this resolution would clearly seem to warrant the proceeding heretofore had since the adjournment of the 67th congress, our right to do so having been challenged by Albert B. Fall in the statement read by him to the committee this morning, I move that when the committee adjourns it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning February 5, 1924, and ask the immediate adoption of a resolution in substance identical with senate resolution 282 and senate resolution 294 (67th congress) in order that the question raised by the statement of Mr. Fall may be eliminated."

**Fall's Statement.**

Mr. Fall read this prepared statement.

"I decline to answer the questions for the following reasons, and on the following grounds:

"The committee is conducting an investigation under senate resolution 282, agreed to April 21, 1922, in the 67th congress and in senate resolution 294 agreed to May 13, 1922, in the same congress, and further by virtue of senate resolution 424, agreed to by the senate on February 5, 1923, during the same congress, and I do not consider that, acting under these

(Continued on Page Sixteen)

# BITTER HOCKEY MATCH EXPECTED TOMORROW

## U. S. and Canadians to Meet in Finals—America Not Placed in Ski Race

By The Associated Press.

Chamonix, Feb. 2.—The selection of the referees for tomorrow's Olympic hockey final which promises to provide a thrilling exhibition of the great winter sport as well as one of the most bitterly contested on record, caused dissension today between W. S. Haddock, manager of the American team and W. A. Hewitt, the Canadian manager.

Haddock, Hewitt and officers representing the international hockey union had a three hour conference and finally decided that the names of six officials one each from the Belgian, French, Swedish, Czechoslovakian, Swiss and British teams, should be placed in a hat, the referee to be the one named on the slip first drawn.

The American managers objected to the inclusion of the British arguing that the Canadian and British players were working in accord. He charged that the Canadian players had coached the British from the sidelines during the latter's match against the United States. His protest was overruled.

The United States was unable to place in the Olympic ski speed race over 15 kilometers this morning. The event was won by Haug, of Norway, whose time was one hour fourteen minutes three seconds.

Norway and Finland took every place. Grottnumbraten of Norway, was second; Niku, Finland, third; Maardalen, Norway, fourth; Stromstad, Norway, fifth; Landvik, Norway, sixth.

The results added 20 points to Norway's total, four to Finland's and 1 to Sweden's.

The standing of the nations at the end of the eighth day of the Olympic winter sports was:

Norway 91 1-2, Finland 76 1-2, Austria 25, United States 21, Sweden 20, Great Britain 19, France 15, Switzerland 14, Czechoslovakia 6, Belgium 2, Canada 1.

Forty-four skiers representing eleven nations, the largest number of competitors in any single Olympic event, disputed this far-started at intervals of one minute in the race.

United States entrants were John Carleton, American Rhodes scholar from Dartmouth; Anders Haugen of Minneapolis, American champion; Sigurd Gjerby of St. Paul and Ragnar Omstedt of Grand Beach, Mich.

The bobblehead championships brought out nine crews carrying the colors of Belgium, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland.

The weather was very cold, thermometers registering four degrees below zero. The snow was hard and dry.

Switzerland's rat entry in the bobsleigh race made the best time for this event, covering a distance of 1,444 meters in one minute, 27.29 seconds. The chute has an 11 per cent grade with eighteen sharp turns. Major Broome's British entry was second.

Alfred Guldener, a member of the second Swiss crew, broke a leg when the bob overran. It was the fifth accident on the chute. Four mishaps occurred while the crews were training.

Only six of the teams remain out of the original twelve entered, the others having been eliminated by accidents. The standing after two trials out of the scheduled four had been completed, was: First, Switzerland, total time for the two trials, 2 minutes, 33.99 seconds; second, Major Broome's British team; third, Belgium; fourth, France; fifth, Horton's British team; sixth, Italy.

**STRIKERS TO CO-OPERATE.**

London, Feb. 2.—The national union of railwaymen has promised its co-operation to the dockers union in the event of the latter carrying out their threat to strike Feb. 16 unless in the meanwhile their wages increase.

**NOT "DINNER BURGLES"**

New Haven, Feb. 2.—A youth arrested last night in a residential section on suspicion of being the "dinner burglar" who has robbed nearly 30 homes recently is not the man sought, the police decided today.

The youth, Ellis W. Collins who says he is from Springfield, is detained, however, for the present.

**AMERICANS BEATEN.**

By The Associated Press.

Nottingham, Eng., Feb. 2.—The English ladies midland field hockey team today defeated the All-American girls team now touring England in a match here by the score of 22 to 0.

# BROKER SUBPOENAED FOR OIL COMMITTEE

## Ungerleider Must Bring Records—Sinclair Announces Intentions

Cleveland, Feb. 2.—Samuel Ungerleider, Cleveland broker, with a Washington branch office, was subpoenaed today to testify in the Teapot Dome inquiry.

The summons directs him to bring all records of his transactions between Dec. 1, 1921 and Dec. 1, 1922.

Confronting the summons Mr. Ungerleider said: "We opened our Washington office in November, 1921, and all I can say is that we enjoyed a very nice trade at that office. James Sloan, Jr., has been in charge of our affairs there since the office was opened. He telephoned me that he had been summoned to appear in the congressional inquiry today."

"Mr. Sloan was twenty years in the White House, and was a close friend of Presidents Taft, Wilson and Harding. He left the White House to serve as chief clerk of the shipping board and occupied that office until he joined me in 1921."

# MINERS' CONVENTION ENDS WITH RIOTING

## Deposed President of Kansas District Dragged From Platform

By The Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Feb. 2.—Amid riotous scenes the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America was declared adjourned sine die by President John L. Lewis today. Adjournment was announced with the delegates howling as Alexander Howatt, deposed president of the Kansas district, was dragged from the platform by two secret-service men.

Howatt sought to address the convention on the report of the appeals and grievances committee which refused to consider a plea for his reinstatement in the union. While the shouting was going on, President Lewis declared that a vote taken on the committee's report showed its adoption.

President Lewis declared he was well pleased with the convention. He recalled his remark of the first day that the opposition would be largely one of noise, and added that his faith in the United Mine Workers of America has never once faltered, that all except a small minority are "honorable and very decent fellows."

The final minutes of the meeting were full of tense action as Howatt made his way to the platform, took a position beside the president and drank from his water glass.

President Lewis shouting to make himself heard, declared that Howatt not being a delegate under the rules of the convention was not entitled to a hearing. Secretaries at arms were then called to take Howatt from the platform. He was removed fighting.

Called to order by John Watt of Springfield, Ill., about 30 delegates heard Howatt after the convention's adjournment, and adopted a demand for a special convention to "give Kansas miners justice," and "impeach John L. Lewis."

# WISHES TO APPEAR

Late yesterday, Mr. McAdoo telegraphed Senator Walsh of the investigating body asking permission to appear for questioning relative to statements made by Mr. Doheny that his companies had paid McAdoo \$250,000 for legal services. The sum paid to himself and his former law firm in New York during the past four years by Doheny interests was \$150,000, he explained, and none of that amount was paid in connection with oil leases "anywhere in the United States." His advice to the Doheny companies had been entirely in connection with the Mexican business, he added.

# NO HARM DONE

Chicago, Feb. 2.—The campaign to bring about the nomination of William Gibbs McAdoo as the democratic presidential candidate is to be in no way influenced by the reported confession of Mr. McAdoo with the E. L. Doheny oil interests, David Ladd Rockefeller, national manager of the campaign said in a statement here.

In a telegram to Mr. McAdoo he said that the candidate's critics "have not a leg to stand on," after his telegraphic reply to the senate committee. "The American people," the message of Mr. Rockefeller said, "will not be diverted from their determination to nominate and elect you their president by silly rumors and sinister influences spread by parties inimical to our country, who are seeking to encompass your defeat."

# CU KLUX KLAN SAID TO HAVE MADE RAIDS

Johnston City, Ill., Feb. 2.—A total of 128 persons had been arrested today in the dry raids in Williamson county, which began last night and continued today. Several hundred men, said to be members of the Ku Klux, conducted the country-wide raids, which were led by E. Glen Young, dry worker and employee of the Klan. The raids were principally on private homes. A special train was secured to take the prisoners to Benton for appearance before a federal commissioner.

# RUSSIA GETS NOTIFICATION OF BRITISH RECOGNITION

By The Associated Press.

Moscow, Feb. 2.—Formal notification of Great Britain's recognition of Soviet Russia was delivered at the foreign office this morning by Robert M. Hodgson, who becomes British charge d'affaires pending the appointment of an ambassador. The recognition is unconditional.

# THREE KILLED, SEVERAL INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2.—Three persons were killed and several injured in a gas explosion today in the building occupied by the Bailey Reynolds Chandler company. The explosion shook the entire downtown district.

# BRITISH RECOGNITION OF MEXICO STARTED

## Preliminary Negotiations Under Way Between Foreign Office and Representative in Sweden.

London, Feb. 2.—Further preliminary negotiations preparing the way for British recognition of Mexico are in progress here between Rafael Nieto, Mexican minister to Sweden, now in London for this purpose, and the permanent officials of the foreign office. A claims commission will be established, after which will follow detailed examination of the petitions filed by British nationals who have suffered losses in Mexico.

There is no likelihood of complete recognition, such as that accorded Soviet Russia, being given before the British government knows what position Mexico is likely to take regarding settlement of the claims.

# MILLION DOLLARS IN FURS STOLEN

Losses in New York Through Theft Since November Are Large It Is Testified.

New York, Feb. 2.—A million dollars worth of furs have been stolen in this city since November, John C. Stott, manager of the Furrier's security alliance testified in police court today at the examination of three alleged fur thieves arrested last night.

He disclosed that two special agents of the alliance had been assigned to every block in the fur district, with orders to shoot to kill.

According to Stott, the burglars invariably break a window in a fur establishment, rip away wires connected with automatic alarms, and escape with their loot.

# LT. COMMANDER EDWARDS GETS MEDAL OF HONOR

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Coolidge personally presented a congressional medal of honor today to Lieut. Commander Walter Allee Edwards of Philadelphia, who as commander of the destroyer Bainbridge displayed "heroism in rescuing 482 passengers from the French military transport Vinch Long, destroyed by fire in the Sea of Marmora, Turkey, on December 18, 1922."

# THE WEATHER

Hartford, Feb. 2.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Generally fair tonight, possibly rain or snow, not much change in temperature.

# FIRE UPSETS ANIMALS IN WINTER QUARTERS

## Bridgeport Scene of Exciting Blaze This Morning—Sacred Bull Lost

Bridgeport, Feb. 2.—Fire early today at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus winter quarters completely destroyed the paint and blacksmith shop, caused damage estimated roughly at over \$100,000. The fire caused a panic in the menagerie. A large black ox brought here from India, was the only animal lost.

Every available piece of fire apparatus was brought to the scene and shortly after 7 o'clock, after the paint shop a three story brick building, had collapsed, it was announced that the fire was under control.

The cause of the fire is unknown. A chef preparing breakfast, discovered flames shooting from the building and sounded the alarm. Officials prevented several workmen from rushing into the building in an attempt to save the ox, known as the "sacred bull" and a number of the valuable wagon cages of the show.

Shortly after the arrival of the firemen, the walls on one side of the building collapsed, several firemen barely escaping barrels of pitch, turpentine and paint quickly ignited by the flames, sent out dense clouds of smoke and adding to the panic of the animals in the menagerie and impeding the work of the firemen.

In the elephant house only about 50 feet from the burning building, trainers were forced to throw blankets over the heads of the animals to quiet them. All the horses were set loose.

Circus officials made preparations immediately for other quarters here for that part of the equipment destroyed.

On one side of the burning building are housed 44 elephants. Keepers went among them quieting their trumpeting, as smoke spread through their winter homes. All of the herd were leashed by ankle chains. It was necessary to cover the heads of some of the pachyderms with blankets before a semblance of quiet was brought about in the elephant house.

A herd of 125 horses, blooded ring stock, was turned out of the barns shortly after the fire assumed serious proportions.

East of the burning building are the winter quarters of the tigers, lions, leopards, hippopotami, rhinoceros and other wild beasts. This building was a hellham when the fire reached its height. The intense heat broke window glass in the building which soon filled with smoke. Leopards, lions and tigers flung themselves against the sides of their cages in frantic efforts to flee the fire menace. Animal trainers who are wintering here were summoned at once and remained with their charges until after the fire was brought under control.

# IRISH BOUNDARY MEETING ADJOURNED

## Progress Toward Settling Controversy Over Territorial Line Is Augured by Action.

By The Associated Press.

London, Feb. 2.—The Irish boundary conference adjourned peacefully today. This in itself is considered as auguring progress toward agreement on the territorial line which will separate Ulster from the Free State.

During the conference both the northern and southern delegates show a desire for solution of the problem by agreement.

# LT. GOVERNOR INDICTED BY NORTH CAROLINA JURY

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 2.—Lieut. Governor W. B. Cooper of North Carolina; Thomas E. Cooper, his brother; Horace C. Cooper, his son, and Clyde W. Laustler were indicted by a federal grand jury here today on criminal charges growing out of the failure of the Commercial-National bank of Wilmington a year ago. The Coopers were officials of the bank and Laustler was a customer. They are expected to go on trial Monday.

# VENIZELIS BETTER

Athens, Feb. 2.—It was announced today that an X-ray photograph showed the condition of Premier Venizelos' heart to be such as to give no cause for anxiety. The premier took a motor ride today and it was declared he was feeling well.

# GIVE CONGRESSIONAL SANCTION

Washington, Feb. 2.—The house today passed a bill to give congressional sanction to the settlement of Finland's \$9,000,000 indebtedness to the United States as negotiated by the debt commission.